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Provincial Wesleyan.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1868.

Conference Proceedings.

(Continued.)

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY 25TH JUNE.

Morning. The session opened with the usual devotional exercises.

Confession directed that the letter writers forward to the widow of the late brother Joseph Sutcliffe a letter of condolence. The Report of the Committee on Conference Statistics was presented and adopted. On motion it was resolved that the contributions to the Contingent Fund and those to the Home Mission Fund be entered in separate columns in the Minutes.

A request for admission to our ministry occupied for a considerable time the attention of the Conference, after which the routine business was resumed. The Report of the Personnel Aid Fund Committee was presented and adopted, and the Secretary was requested to prepare a suitable Minute for publication.

The Report of the Book Committee was presented. The Book Steward read his financial statement, also his annual Report of the Book Rooms and Provincial Wesleyan affairs. These reports and accounts were received. The following Resolutions, recommended by the Book Rooms Committees, were adopted:

That the brethren not present at Provincial Wesleyan accounts with the Financial Secretaries of their Districts, at the Financial District Meeting.

That the expenses incurred in forwarding Missionary periodicals be charged against the Missionary Society as incidental expenses. These reports and accounts were received. The following Resolutions, recommended by the Book Rooms Committees, were adopted:

That the brethren be charged fifteen cents each for the expenses involved in the transmission of the Wesleyan Methodist Magazine.

That the last two resolutions shall have retrospective reference to the last year.

Afternoon. The Conference opened with the usual devotional exercises.

On motion it was resolved that the Advisory Committee, in connection with the President, shall nominate the several Conference Committees.

The consideration of the Report of the Book Committee was resumed. The Book Steward and Editor's term of office having expired, the Conference proceeded to ballot for these offices, when the Rev. Dr. Pickard was chosen. Dr. Pickard asked permission to give his reply to this request on Friday morning.

A further recommendation that the Rev. H. McKewen, G. S. Milligan, and S. F. Huestis be a Committee to examine the affairs of the Provincial Wesleyan, was adopted.

A further recommendation that the payment of premiums for subscribers be discontinued, was adopted.

On motion it was resolved that Provincial Wesleyan Office shall prepare the postage on all papers sent through the mail when the subscriptions are paid in advance.

Revs. J. Taylor and G. S. Milligan were appointed to prepare the Minute for publication.

On motion it was resolved that the brethren hereafter be required to pay interest on the balances due from them on settlements.

On motion a change in the constitution of the Stationing Committee was adopted, whereby that Committee is enlarged by the addition of one representative elected from each District.

On motion it was resolved that in compliance with a cordial invitation presented from Charlotteville, the next Conference be held in that city, beginning on the fourth Wednesday of June, 1869.

The routine business was resumed, and the Rev. Mr. Bostwell presented the report of the Superintendent of the Children's Fund Committee. A considerable decrease was found in the receipts from Circuits, and it was felt that an earnest appeal must be made by the several ministers on their Circuits for this Fund.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY 26TH JUNE.

Morning. Session opened with the usual devotional exercises. The Journal was read and approved.

Dr. Pickard, in his reply promised yesterday, consented to accept the nomination of the Conference to the office of Book Steward and Editor if his election be regarded as prospective for one year.

On motion it was resolved that henceforth the Chairman of Districts shall be elected by the Conference, such motion to take effect this year.

On motion a Committee was appointed to revise the order of questions for the District Meetings to report next year.

The Report of the Educational Fund for Ministerial Children was presented by the Secretary, the Rev. H. Pope, who also suggested from the Committee the minutes of publication, which was adopted.

The Report of the Sabbath School Committee, presented by Rev. J. V. Jost, was adopted.

The members of the Advisory Committee were reported at the call of the President, and the times fixed for their meeting to appoint the Concessional Committees.

Afternoon. Session was opened with the usual devotional exercises.

The Treasurer of the Superintendent Fund presented the statement of the Financial Affairs of the Fund for the year.

The President reported from the Advisory Committee, and the Conference Committees were appointed on the basis of this report.

On motion it was resolved that Dr. Pickard's election as Editor and Book Steward should be regarded as prospective, and that three offices be filled by the Rev. J. McMurtry, William J. Conroy, and S. F. Huestis.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY 27TH JUNE.

After the usual devotional exercises, several hours were devoted to the consideration of the state and prospects of our Educational Institutions. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Rev. C. Stewart, presented the Report of the Board. The President of the College presented the Financial statement for the year.

On motion these reports of the Board were received.

A Committee was appointed to consider the arrangements necessary for the future working of our educational interests, and to report thereon on Monday.

A Committee was appointed to prepare the Minute on the Institutions for publication.

Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—MONDAY 29TH JUNE.

Morning. After the usual devotional exercises the Journal of Saturday was read and approved.

The minutes for the Children's Fund was presented and adopted.

The Report of the Contingent Fund Committee was presented by the Secretary, the Rev. J. Taylor, and adopted.

On motion, the Rev. J. Taylor was reappointed Secretary of the Fund, and the Rev. S. F. Huestis, Assistant Secretary.

The Report of the Theological Institution Committee was presented and adopted. The Rev. Dr. DeWolfe asked, and obtained permission of the Conference to become a Supernumerary.

The Report of the Theological Examination Committee was presented and adopted. The Report of the special Committee on the Mount Allison Institutions was presented. In this report the Conference was recommended to cooperate earnestly with the Board of Trustees, in their proposal plan for securing a partial exemption from the Institution.

The Rev. G. S. Milligan presented the minute on the Theological Institution, affairs which was adopted. The minute on the Book Room was presented by Rev. J. Taylor and adopted.

Permission was given to the Trustees of the church in Liverpool to execute a mortgage for a small amount on their church. The Conference then proceeded to the examination of the proposals recommended for adoption.

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The address from the Canada Conference which had just come to hand, was read.

The Pastoral address was presented by the Rev. H. Pope, junr., and adopted. Permission was given to the pastor to erect a church property in Woodstock, and to the Trustees of certain church property in Newcastle, to sell such properties.

On motion, after considerable conversation it was resolved that forty members of Conference be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The address to the British Conference was submitted by the Rev. E. Bostwell, and adopted.

The Reports from the several Districts as to the present state of the work of God was called for, and after the reading of these reports from the minutes, long heated conversation was had on this important subject.

The thanks of the Conference were presented to the Secretary and assistant Secretaries and to the Journal Secretary for their important services.

Previous to the afternoon session the Contingent Fund Committee met.

Afternoon. The reply to the address from the Canada Conference was presented by the Rev. J. Conroy and adopted.

The report of the Contingent Fund Committee was presented.

On motion it was decided that no grant shall be made from the Contingent Fund for removal expenses in the case of independent circuits.

A letter was read presenting the case of those members of the Conference taking a Supernumerary position, to the favourable consideration of the Missionary Committee.

The Minutes were then read and signed, and after a brief address from the President the Conference was closed with devotional exercises.

This closed an interesting Conference, the important business of which was concluded with admirable tact under Mr. Punshon's presidency. The ability, impartiality, and urbanity of the Chair, afforded very general satisfaction; while the several public efforts of the eloquent President were acknowledged by all to be beyond commendation. One of the most interesting services in connection with the Conference was that of the Ordination, a full report of which we hope to have in our next issue. The seven young men, candidates for ordination, gave clear and convincing evidence of their religious experience, and the reasons which influenced them in regarding themselves as called to the sacred office.

We copy from Frederick correspondence of the St. John News some notice of this service, as well as a report of the Conference sermon.

After the laying on of hands and the presentation of the candidates, the Rev. Mr. Punshon made a short address to the newly ordained. The address of the venerable Dr. B. was characterized by all those qualities which have made his name the synonym of the dignified pulpit orator in British America.

President Punshon followed Dr. Richey, delivering a "charge" to the young men. Mr. Punshon did not talk on any subject without saying beautiful things, but what struck me in the charge with the most force were these facts: the matter was the perfection of common sense, the spirit was that of the most Christianian gentleness. He exhorted the young ministers to take heed to themselves—their hearts, their motives and their principles and manner, their studies and their pupils and to the flock committed to their care. The charge was better than eloquent—it was good thoroughly.

The most event yesterday was Mr. Punshon's sermon in the morning, in the Methodist Church in this city. The church was crowded to excess throughout. Many persons from St. John were present. I observed also the Lieut. and G. Vernon, the President of the University, Hon. Mr. Fisher and other local celebrities present. His sermons appeared to be one of his most successful and the most interesting of his hearers. Mr. Punshon's sermon was founded on John 14:23—28—verse. It did not deal with the ordinary subjects of the day, but was a discourse of a deeper pathos and devotion, and more impressive in manner than the St. John discourse. However, it must be borne in mind that dissimilar subjects do not always furnish equal opportunities for the exercise of the same facilities on the part of the preacher. A very full report of the sermon lies before me. I had time to condense a little, and felt sure you would have space to contain it. I would give you readers something like a just idea of the excellent pulpit effort. I must content myself with stating generally how Mr. Punshon dealt with his theme.

He introduced the subject by remarking upon the interest with which we regard the dying utterances of those dear to us, or of those recorded as good or great. The chapter opening the text formed part of the last discourse

pronounced by the Saviour prior to his sacrificial death. He regarded in connection with the context the text:

I—Revealed the true nature of Messiah's glory. This point he illustrated in a train of thought not unusual to intelligent preachers, but by very unusual beauty and precision of language. He contrasted the glory of Christ in Redemption with the glory of military power, &c. He compared the glory of Christ with the glory of God in the material world in creating and in the glory of God in the moral world in printing. He dwelt in glowing terms upon the fact that upon the verge of His death agony, humiliation and shame, Christ saw with kindling eye the magnificent results in both worlds which would accrue from the conflict of "the hour which had overtaken him."

II—The Mystery—Life from death. Triumph from defeat. Joy born of sorrow. The crown by the cross.

III—The personal duty enjoined—To follow Jesus at any cost, over life's hardest path, in the temptation's fiercest hour, amid pains which would gladly escape and even at the price of life itself.

IV—The Redeemer's human conflict—He was "troubled" on this head it is illustrations of his inner life and touching, the distinction also was exceedingly choice and musical.

LIST OF STATIONS.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CONFERENCE OF EASTERN BRITISH AMERICA.

REV. WM. MORLEY PUNSHON, M. A., Pres.

HENRY DANIEL, Co-Deputy.

R. ALDER TEMPLE, Secretary.

I.—HALIFAX DISTRICT.

1. Halifax North.—Geo. S. Milligan, A. M., John A. Clark, A. M.; Edmund Botterell, Supernumerary.

2. Halifax South.—Alfred W. Turner; H. Pope, (A) Super.

Conference Office.—John McMurtry Editor and Book Steward.

3. Dartmouth.—James A. Rogers; Thos. Angwin, Super.

4. Windsor.—Elias Brattle; F. Smallwood, Supernumerary.

5. Falmouth.—Charles B. Pihlblad.

6. Horton.—Chris. Lockhart, H. P. Cowperthwaite, A. B.

7. Newport.—Hezekiah McKeown.

8. Annapolis.—Matthew Richey, D. D.

9. Kentville.—John A. Mosher, one wanted.

10. Montserrat.—David B. Scott.

11. Musquodoboit Harbor.—Alfred E. LaPage.

12. Middle Musquodoboit.—Samuel B. Martin.

13. Shubenacadie.—Joseph Gasts.

14. Sambro and Margaree's Bay.—One wanted.

15. Bermuda (Hamilton).—R. Alder Temple.

16. St. George's.—William Ryan.

17. Somerset.—Thomas Rogers, A. B.

18. Bailey's Bay.—One wanted.

The work in Bermuda to be under the direction of the Hamilton Superintendent.

ALEX. B. BLACK, Chairman.

CHAS. STEWART, Finan. Sec.

II.—ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

19. St. John, Germain Street.—Charles Stewart; John B. Strong, William T. Carby, Supernumeraries.

20. St. John, Centenary.—John Lathers; Wm. Temple, Supy.

21. St. John, Elmwood Street.—Wm. H. Heartz.

22. St. John, Portland.—J. R. Narraway, A. M.

23. St. John, Carleton.—Stephen F. Huestis.

24. Fairville.—Douglas Chapman.

25. St. Andrew's.—Robert Wilson.

26. St. David's.—John L. Spanglow.

27. St. Stephen's.—Alex. H. Black.

28. Mill Tower.—Howard Sprague, A. M.

29. Sussex Vale.—William McCarty.

30. Grand Lake, &c.—Joseph B. Hemmson.

31. Havelock.—Isaac N. Parker.

32. Greenwick.—John S. Allen.

33. Kingston.—Eliza Slackford.

34. Upham.—George Harrison.

III.—TRURO DISTRICT.

35. Truro.—Roland Morton; Thos. Smith, Supy.

36. River Philip.—Wm. Leach, Supy.

37. Wallace.—T. Watson Smith.

38. Pughash.—John J. Colter.

39. River John.—George W. Tuttle.

40. Pictou.—Leonard Gaez.

41. Albion Mines.—Jeremiah V. Jost.

42. Guysboro' & Canso.—George Johnson, Levi Johnson; J. Buckley, Supy.

43. Manchester.—Isaac Thurlow.

44. Spring North.—Paul Westbrook.

45. Advocate Harbor.—Joseph Sellar.

46. Annapolis.—James England, Joham M. Fulton.

47. Bridport.—John S. Addy; Geo. Miller, Thos. H. Davies, Supernumeraries.

48. Wilmot.—George M. Barratt; Joseph F. Bent, Supy.

49. Aylesford.—James Taylor R. E. Crane, Supy.

50. Cornwallis East, (Canning).—Rd. Smith.

51. Cornwallis West, (Berwick).—John Reed.

52. Hillsborough.—Frederick W. Harrison.

53. Digby and Weymouth.—William C. Brown, Era B. Moore.

54. Pelly Neck.—Fletcher Waldon, under the superintendence of Bro. Brown.

55. Mill Village.—Fletcher H. W. Fickles; M. Fickles, Supy.

56. Lunenburg.—George O. Huestis.

57. New Germany.—Benjamin J. Johnson.

58. James G. HENNINGER, Chairman.

JOS. HART, Financial Secretary.

IX.—NEWFOUNDLAND DISTRICT.

107. St. John's.—John Prince, Samuel Ackman.

108. Harbour Grace.—John S. Phinney.

109. Carleton Place.—Henry L. Cranford, Geo. Forey.

110. Brigus.—John Waterhouse; W. E. Sheenstone, (Supy).

111. Port de Grave.—John M. Pike.

112. Blackhead.—Charles Comben.

113. Juncos Cove.—John S. Peach.

114. Pelican.—James A. Duke.

115. Hants Harbour.—Thomas Fox.

116. Trinity.—To be supplied.

117. Bonaville.—James Dove.

118. Catladine.—Charles Ladner.

119. Twillingate.—John Goodison.

120. Burn's.—Thomas Harris.

121. Grand Bank.—Stephen T. Teed.

Missions of Conference.

122. Labrador.—George Forey.

123. Petites.—Thomas Allan, Francis Scott.

124. Channel.—To be supplied.

125. Exploits.—One wanted.

126. Little Bay Islands.—One wanted.

127. Fogo.—Joseph Macdonald.

128. St. John's.—John S. Peach, Chairman.

JAMES DOVE, Financial Secy.

Newfoundland District.

Our Annual District Meeting commenced Thursday morning, 21st May. The city of St. John's—being the most central, and all things considered, the most convenient was again chosen, as our place of meeting. On arriving in the city, we were glad to find that our present session, would not be conducted in the close and stifled atmosphere of the No. 2, Class Room, in former years, the pressure of a week's close sitting, in said room, had produced many a headache, and in some instances, great lassitude, and physical exhaustion. This year however, due arrangements were made in the body of our church, so that we might enjoy elegant Church, for the transaction of our usual business. The brethren all breathed more freely, and performed their duties, more efficiently in consequence.

There was a somewhat attentive of the members of the meeting, at the opening, but in the course of a day or two, all the Circuits, and Missions—Grand Bank excepted—were duly represented. A side glance at the different benches, would convince a casual observer, that our Ministers are at present in excellent health. During the year, severe, protracted, personal affliction, was the lot of one brother; it fell upon him, while faithfully discharging his energetic labours; and three or four others, have had to pass through a trying ordeal of affliction, and in some instances, the pressure of a week's close sitting, in said room, had produced many a headache, and in some instances, great lassitude, and physical exhaustion. This year however, due arrangements were made in the body of our church, so that we might enjoy elegant Church, for the transaction of our usual business. The brethren all breathed more freely, and performed their duties, more efficiently in consequence.

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